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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 2, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I that includes claims 1-5, 15-46, and 47-72. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in divisional applications at a later date.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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